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SCHOOL LUNCH RECIPES USING CHEESE

Cheese in the school lunch makes satisfying main dishes, adds appetite appeal to vegetables and salads, gives new flavor to such stand-bys as breads and biscuits.

In nutritive value, cheese is especially important for its high-quality protein. It is also a good source of some of the other nutrients, particularly calcium and riboflavin, and is high in energy value.

In this pamphlet are 14 cheese recipes, together with general information about using cheese. Since a number of the recipes suggest the use of nonfat dry milk and dried whole eggs, directions for cooking with these products are included also.

The main-dish and one of the salad recipes meet the protein requirements for type-A meals set up by the Production and Marketing Administration -- that is, each portion furnishes at least 2 ounces of protein-rich food other than milk.

The recipes are so arranged that they can be cut apart and mounted on cards for filing in a card file. The general information can also be cut in sections and mounted for filing.

When You Cook With Cheese

Use low heat when you cook with cheese. If cooked too quickly, cheese may get tough and stringy. Speed the melting of cheese by cutting it into small pieces or putting it through a food grinder.

When part of a whole cheese or part of a package has been used, store the rest tightly wrapped in paper or clean cloth. Keeping cheese cold retards the growth of mold. If cheese does mold, scrape off the mold and use the rest--mold on the surface does not mean that the whole piece has spoiled.

Use every little bit of cheese. Dry pieces may be grated and added to salads, salad dressings, or vegetables, or sprinkled over fruits such as pear halves or pineapple slices.

When You Cook With Dried Whole Eggs

Dried whole eggs are eggs that have been broken out of the shell and have then had most of the water removed. When using dried egg powder in cooking, you need to add water approximately equal in quantity to that taken away during drying.

Two tablespoons of firmly packed dried egg powder and 2-1/2 tablespoons of water equal 1 whole egg. One standard measuring cup of firmly packed dried egg powder and 1-1/4 cups of water equal 8 eggs. These equivalents are based on medium-sized eggs weighing on the average 22-1/2 ounces per dozen. In the recipes in this publication that specify dried eggs, allowance has been made for the water needed.

In most recipes it is best to reconstitute the dried egg-that is, mix it with the water-before using. To reconstitute, add half the water to the dried egg and beat until smooth. Add the rest of the water and beat well. If the dried egg is lumpy, sifting it before adding the water will give a smoother product. Mix only the quantity of dried egg needed for the recipe being prepared, as the reconstituted egg will not keep.

When making quick breads and cookies, sift the dried egg with the other dry ingredients. Then add the water needed to reconstitute the dried egg with the other liquids in the recipe.

In whatever way you use dried egg, cook with low to moderate heat and avoid over-cooking. Use dried egg only in recipes that require cooking, not in egg-milk drinks, mayonnaise, and other uncooked mixtures.

Keep unopened cans of dried eggs in a refrigerator or in a storeroom where the temperature is not over 55° F. Once the cans have been opened, cover tightly and store in refrigerator, or in some other cold, dry place. Use as promptly as possible. Dried eggs will absorb moisture and odors if not tightly covered.

When You Cook With Nonfat Dry Milk

The product resulting when the fat and water are removed from milk is known as nonfat dry milk. Nonfat dry milk contains about the same nutrients as skim milk.

In recipes, nonfat dry milk may be substituted for fluid milk by using the proportions 4 ounces (l cup) dry milk to l quart water. (These quantities make about l quart of fluid milk.) In the recipes developed especially for this product, a higher nutritive value has been obtained by using a higher proportion of nonfat dry milk. (See School Lunch Recipes Using Nonfat Dry Milk, PA-44.)

Nonfat dry milk is convenient to use. It may be mixed with the other dry ingredients for products like biscuits, muffins, cakes, and sauces. For use as a beverage or in such dishes as soups, gravies, and custards, the dry milk may first be reconstituted—that is, made into a liquid by mixing with water.

To reconstitute dry milk, sprinkle the powder on <u>lukewarm</u> water in the required proportions. Beat until smooth with a rotary or power beater or a french whip. This method keeps the powder from lumping and sticking to the mixing bowl. Never add dry milk to a boiling mixture.

Reconstituted dry milk scorches quickly. When heating it, use a double boiler or keep the heat low.

Unopened packages of dry milk may be kept at room temperature, not over 75° F. Keep left-over milk powder in tightly covered containers in the refrigerator. If exposed to the air, dry milk absorbs moisture, becomes lumpy, and changes in flavor.

			
100 portions	Ingredients	portions	Cost
l pound (l quart firm- packed)	Dried whole egg mixed with		
1-1/4 quarts	Water		
3 cups	Finely chopped or ground onion		
2 cups	Finely chopped or ground green pepper		
2 cups	Finely chopped or ground celery		
2-1/2 cups	Tomato catsup		
1-1/3 tablespoons	Salt		
9 pounds	Cheese, grated		
8-1/4 dozen	Buns, split and warmed or toasted		

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2	ounce	s p	ro	tein-	rich	food.

Total	cost

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l.	Add 2-1/2 cups of the wate	r
	to dried egg and beat unti	1
	smooth. Add the remaining	
	2-1/2 cups water and beat	well.

- 2. Add vegetables, tomato catsup, and salt to the egg. Cook over boiling water about 15 minutes, stirring constantly. Remove from heat.
- 3. Blend in the cheese.
- 4. Use a No. 16 scoop (1/4 cup) to measure portions. Serve on bun.

CHEESE FONDUE

100 portions	Ingredients	portions	Cost
1-1/2 pounds (1-1/2 quarts) 1-1/2 gallons	Nonfat dry milk mixed with Water*		
1-1/8 pounds (4-1/2 cups firm-packed) 1-1/2 quarts	Dried whole egg mixed with Water		
2 tablespoons	Salt		
1/4 cup	Minced onion		
1-1/2 gallons	Bread cubes		,
8 pounds	Cheese, grated or ground		

Portion: 1/2 cup. Frovides 2 ounces protein-rich food.

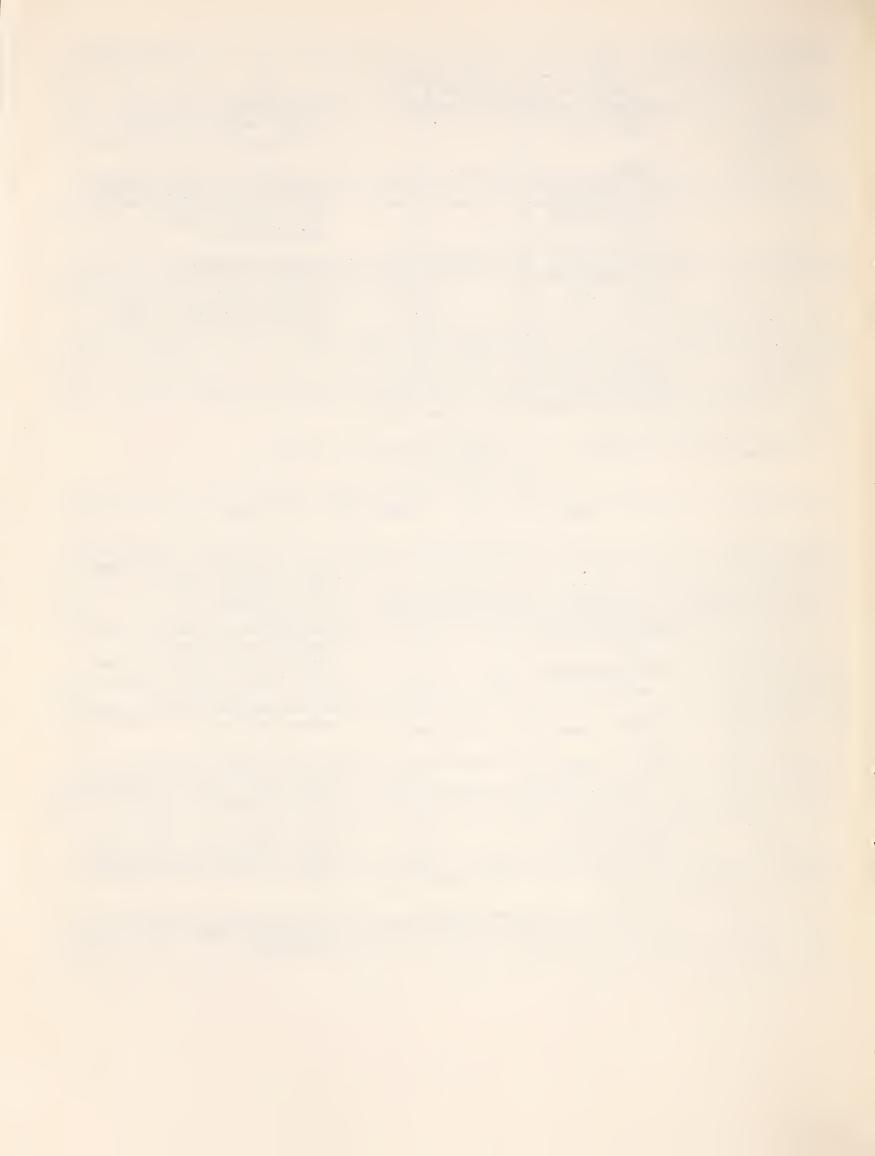
Total cost

Cost per portion

1. Heat blended dry milk and water over hot water.

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- 2. Add 3 cups of the water to dried egg; beat until smooth. Add remaining 3 cups water and beat well. Add the salt and onion.
- 3. Place bread cubes in four greased baking pans (12 by 16 inches).
- 4. Blend the cheese into the hot milk, and cool slightly. Add to egg mixture, stirring constantly. Pour over the bread cubes.
- 5. Place baking pans in pans of hot water. Bake in a moderate oven (350°F.) about 1 hour or until
 - *1-1/2 gallons fluid milk may be used to replace the dry milk and water.



100 portions	Ingredients	portions	Cost
10 ounces (2-1/2 cups) 2-1/2 quarts	Nonfat dry milk mixed with Water*		
2-1/8 pounds (8-1/2 cups firm-packed) 2-1/2 quarts	Dried whole egg mixed with Water		
2 quarts	Bread cubes		
3/4 cup	Minced onion		
l cup	Chopped green pepper		
4 pounds	Cheese, grated or ground		
2 gellons	Cream-style corn		
1/2 cup	Salt		

Portion: 3/4 cup. Provides 2 ounces protein-rich food, 1/3 cup vegetable.

Total cost____

Cost per portion

- 1. Heat blended dry milk and water over hot water.
- 2. Add 5 cups of the water to the dried egg; beat until smooth. Add the remaining 5 cups water and beat well. Add the other ingredients to the egg, stirring in the hot milk last.
- 3. Four into four greased baking pans (12 by 16 inches) and set in pans of hot water.
- 4. Bake in a moderate oven (350°F.) about 1-1/4 hours or until set.
 - *2-1/2 quarts fluid milk may be used to replace the dry milk and water.

FISH SECRTCAKE

Main Dishes

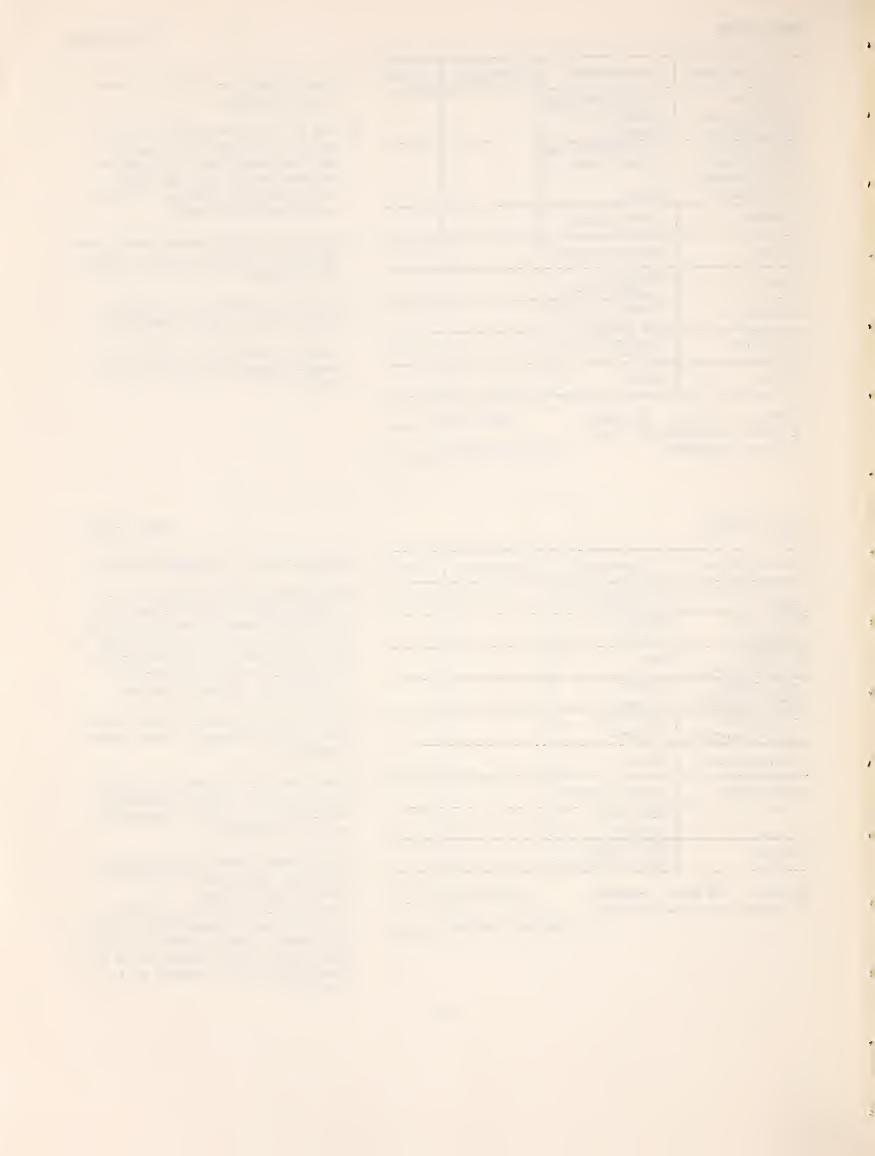
100 portions	Ingredients	portions	Cost
ll l4-ounce	Flaked cod or pollock*		
3/4 round (2 cups)	Chopped onion		
12 ounces (1-1/2 cups)	Fat		
1-1/4 pounds (1-1/4 quarts)	Sifted flour		
1-3/4 pounds (1-5/4 quarts)	Nonfat dry milk**		
1-3/4 gallons	Water		
1-1/2 pounds	Cheese, grated		
	Salt, as needed		
l dozen	Hard-cooked eggs, sliced		

Fortion: 1/2 cup. Provides 2 ounces protein-rich food.

Total cost____

Cost per portion

- 1. Separate fish into small flakes.
- 2. Make sauce: Cook onion in fat until tender. Blend flour and dry milk, sprinkle over the water, beat until smooth. Add fat and onion mixture. Cook over hot water until thickened, stirring constantly. Blend in cheese.
- 3. Add the fish flakes to the sauce. Add salt, if needed. Heat before serving.
- 4. Serve on split biscuit, toasted bun, or corn bread. Garnish with a slice of egg, and if desired a sprig of parsley.
 - *10 pounds (about 1-1/2 gallons) of other cooked or canned fish flakes may be used.
 - **1-3/4 gallons fluid milk may be used instead of nonfat dry milk and water. Make a paste of flour and part of fluid milk; blend into remaining milk. Proceed as in step 2.



100 portions	Ingredients	portions	Cost
3 pounds	Spaghetti, dry		
11 pounds	Ground beef		
3 pounds (2-1/4 quarts)	Finely chopped onion		
9-1/2 pounds (1 gallon)	Tomato paste		
l gallon	Water		
1-1/2 pounds	Cheese, finely grated		
6 ounces (3/4 cup)	Salt		

Portion: 3/4 cup provides 2 ounces protein-rich food, about 1/3 cup vegetable.

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1.	Cook	spag	hei	tti	in	boili	ng	salt	ed
	water	(2	ga]	llon	s w	ater	and	1 2	
	table	spoc	ons	sal	t)	unti:	l te	ender	· –
	about	15	min	nute	s.	Drai	in.		

- 2. Cook beef and onion until onion is tender, stirring often.
- 3. Combine tomato paste and water.
- i. Blend cheese into the cooked meat mixture. Then add diluted tomato paste, salt, and spaghetti. Mix well.
- 5. Place mixture in three baking pans (12 by 16 inches). Bake in a moderate oven (350°F.)
 30 minutes.

MACARONI,	CHEESE,	AND	EGGS
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1. Cook macaroni until tender in boiling salted water (1-1/2 gallons water and 2 tablespoons salt). Drain.

Main Dishes

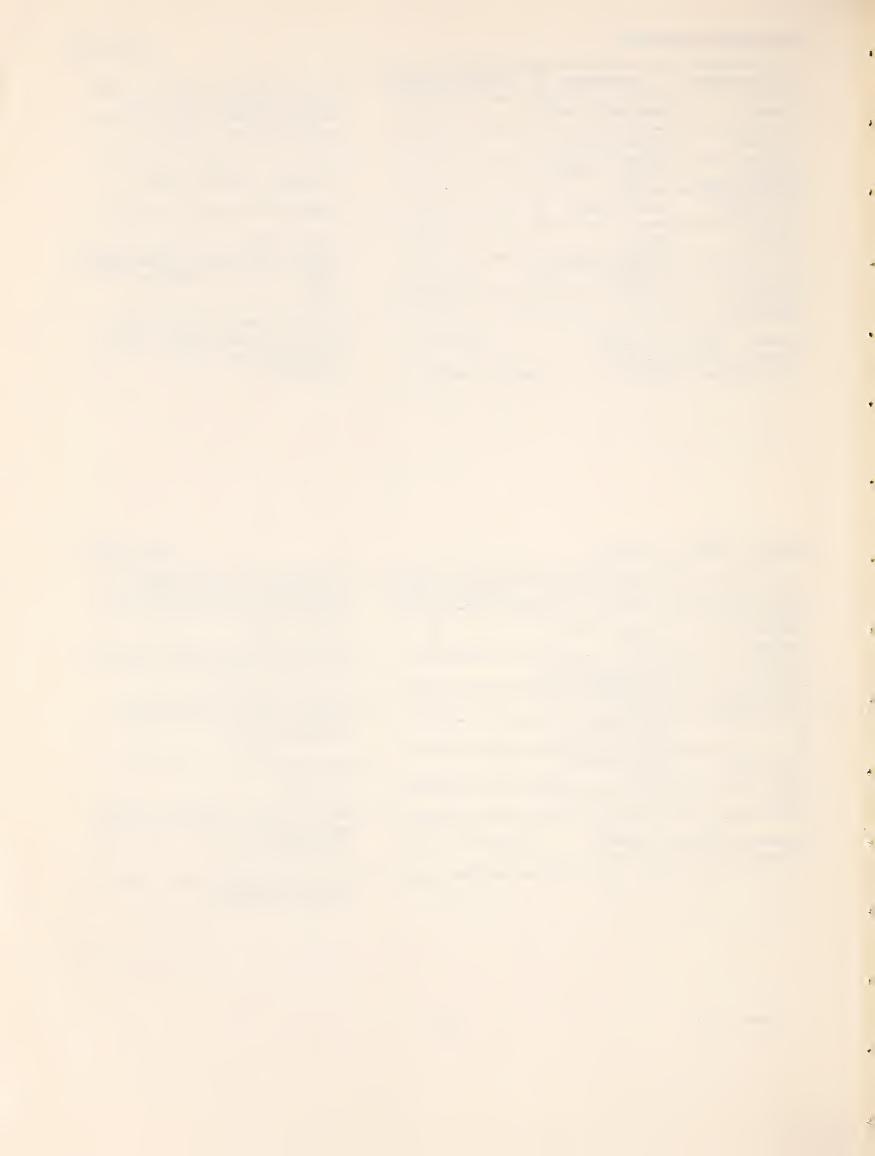
Ingredients	portions	Cost
Macaroni, dry		
Cheese, grated or ground		
White sauce, medium		
Eggs, hard- cooked, sliced		
Bread crumbs, soft		
Fat, melted		
	Macaroni, dry Cheese, grated or ground White sauce, medium Eggs, hard-cooked, sliced Bread crumbs, soft	Macaroni, dry Cheese, grated or ground White sauce, medium Eggs, hard-cooked, sliced Bread crumbs, soft

- 2. Add cheese to hot white sauce and stir until melted.
- 3. Place macaroni in four greased baking pans (12 by 16 inches). Cover with eggs.
- 4. Pour cheese sauce over macaroni and eggs.
- 5. Toss crumbs in melted fat until well coated. Sprinkle over tops of filled pars.
- 6. Brown in moderate oven (350° F.) about 30 minutes.

Portion: 2/3 cup. Provides 2 ounces protein-rich food.

Total cost

Cost per portion



Main Dishes

100 portions	Ingredients	portions	Cost
-			
1-3/4 pounds	Macaroni, dry		
1-1/8 pounds	Dried whole		
(4-1/2 cups)	egg mixed	-	
firm-packed)	with		
4-1/2 cups	Water		
1-1/8 pounds	Nonfat dry		
$(l_{4}-1/2 \text{ cups})$	milk mixed		
4-1/2 quarts	with Water*		
1/2 pound	Green peppers		
8 pounds	Cheese		
1/4 cup	Finely chopped		
1/4 cup	onion		
3 tablespoons	Salt		
1-1/2 cups	Chopped parsley		
1-1/2 gallons	Medium white sau	ice	
	(see School Lun	nch	
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Portion: 1 slice 2 by 3 by Total cost
1-1/4 inches; 1/4 cup sauce.

Provides 2 ounces proteinrich food. Cost per portion

 Cook macaroni until tender in boiling salted water (3 quarts water with 2 tablespoons salt). Drain.

- 2. Add half the water to dried egg; beat until smooth. Add remaining water and beat well.
- 3. Heat the blended dry milk and water.
- 4. Finely grind separately the macaroni, green pepper, and cheese.
- 5. Mix together ground macaroni, green pepper, 5 pounds of the cheese, egg, onion, hot milk, salt, and parsley.
- 6. Pour into three greased baking pans (12 by 16 inches). Place pans in hot water. Bake in a slow oven (325°F.) about 1 hour.
- 7. Add remaining 3 pounds ground cheese to white sauce and serve on loaf.

*4-1/2 quarts fluid milk may be used instead of nonfat dry milk and water.

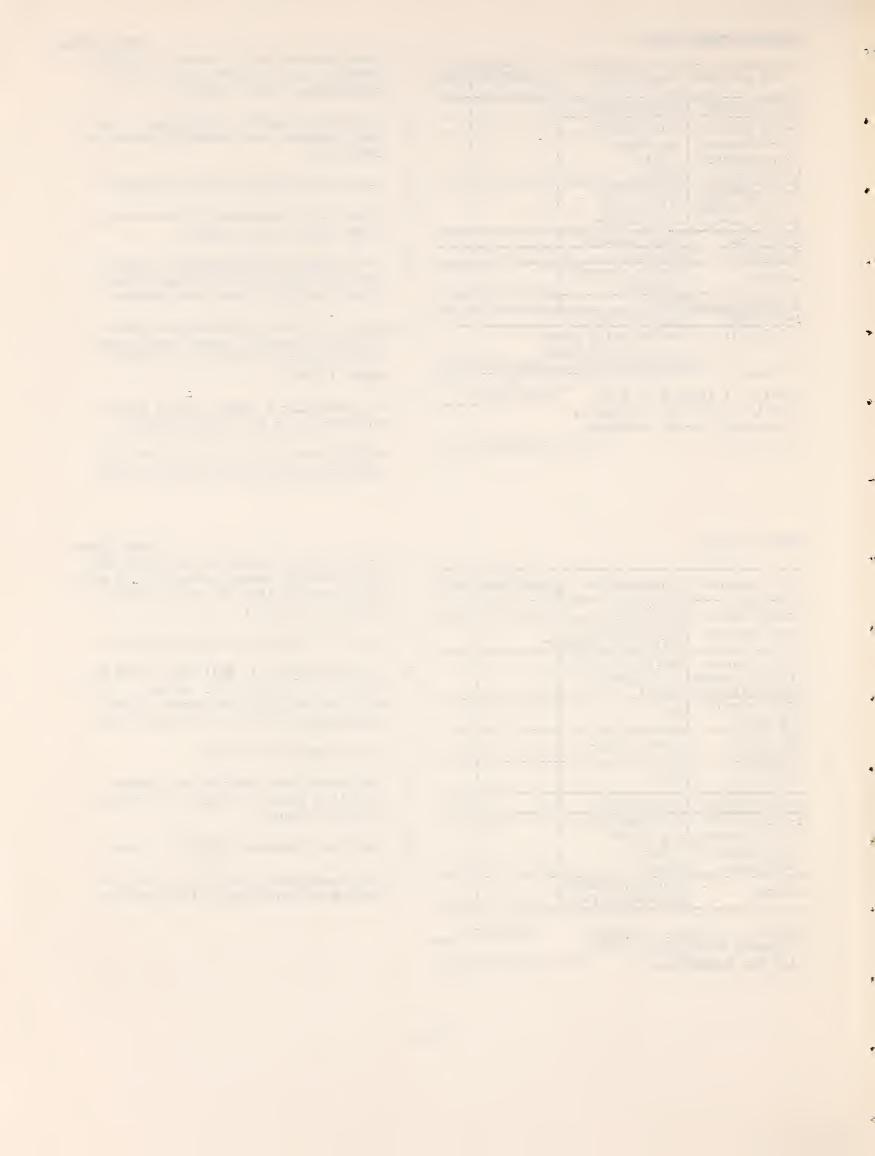
PCTATO FONDUE

100 portions	Ingredients	portions	Cost
24 pounds	Potatoes		
6-1/2 pounds	Cheese, finely grated or ground		
	Nonfat dry milk mixed with Water*		
1-1/2 pounds (3 cups)	Fat		
12 ounces (3 cups)	Sifted flour		
4 ounces (1/2 cup)	Salt		
2 tablespoons	Dry mustard		
1-1/2 pounds (1-1/2 quarts firm-packed) 7-1/2 cups	Dried whole egg mixed with Water		
3 cups	Fine dry crumbs mixed with fat		

Portion: 2/3 cup. Provides Total cost
2 ounces protein-rich food,
1/2 cup vegetable. Cost per portion

 Boil or steam potatoes, peel, and cut into 1/2-inch cubes. Cool and mix with the cheese. Place in four greased pans (12 by 16 inches).

- 2. Heat the blended dry milk and water.
- 3. Make white sauce: Melt fat. Sift together flour, salt, and mustard. Blend with fat and add to hot milk. Cook, stirring constantly, until thickened.
- 4. Cool sauce and add egg.
- Four sauce over potatoes and cheese and blend evenly through the mixture. Top with crumbs.
- 6. Bake in a slow oven (325°F.) 1 hour.
 - *2-1/4 gallons fluid milk may be used instead of nonfat dry milk and water.



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100 portions	Ingredients	portions	Cost
2 No. 10 cans	Cut green beans*		
1/2 pound (2 cups)	Sifted flour		
2-2/3 table- spoons	Salt		
1-1/4 pounds (1-1/4 quarts)	Nonfat dry milk		
l gallon	Bean liquid plus water		
1/2 pound (1 cup)	Fat		
3-1/2 pounds	Cheese, grated		
6 dozen	Hard-cooked eggs,sliced		
3 cups	Fine dry crumbs mixed with fat		

Portion: 1/2 cup. Provides 2 ounces protein-rich food, 1/4 cup vegetable.

Total cost

Cost per portion

- 1. Drain green beans.
- 2. Make sauce: Blend flour, salt, and dry milk, sprinkle over the liquid, and beat until smooth. Add fat and cook over boiling water until thickened, stirring constantly. Blend in cheese.
- 3. Combine green beans and sauce. Place half the mixture in two greased baking pans (12 by 16 inches) and cover with sliced eggs. Add remaining mixture. Top with crumbs.
- 4. Bake in a moderate oven (350°F.) 30 minutes.
 - *3 No. 10 cans of asparagus may be substituted.

SPANISH EGG AND NOODLES

Main Dishes

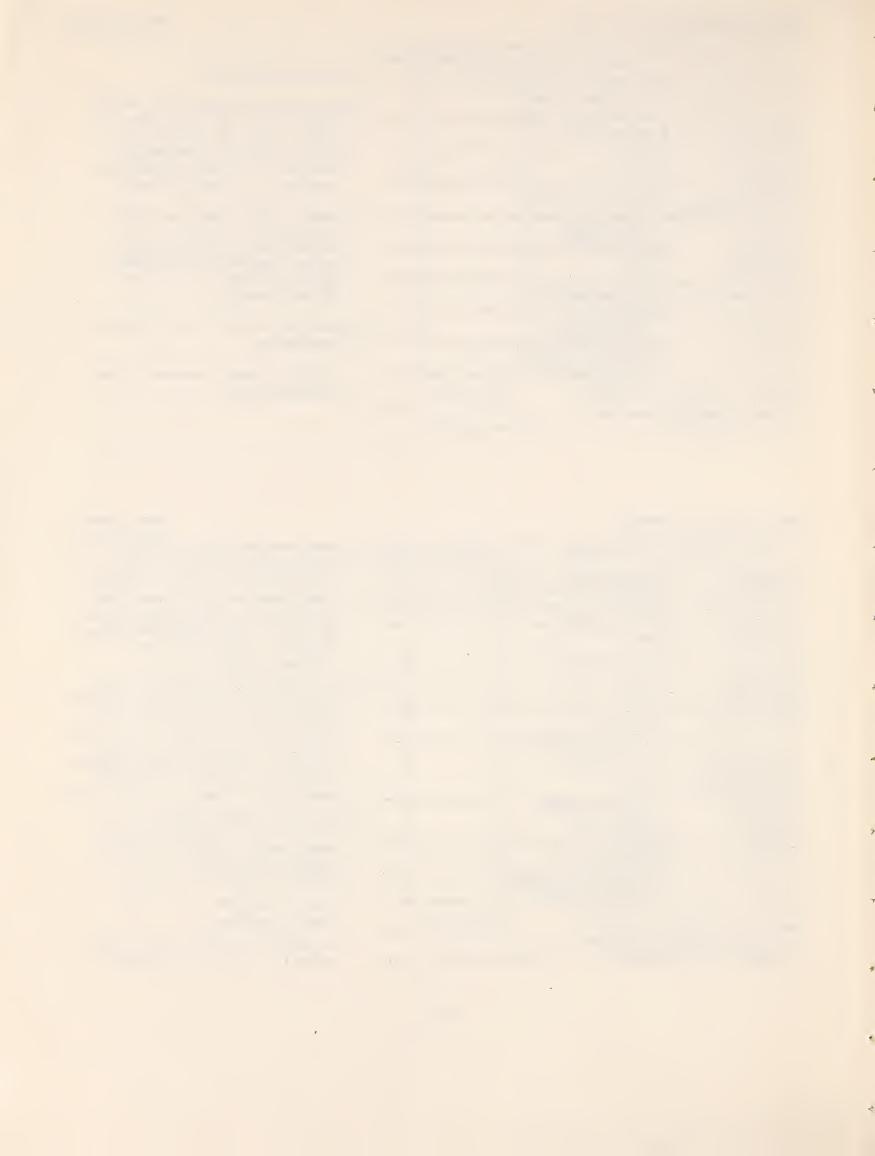
100 portions	Ingredients	portions	Cos
3 pounds	Noodles, dry		
1-1/2 pounds	Onions		
2 pounds	Green peppers		
1/2 pound (1 cup)	Fat		
3/4 pound (3 cups)	Sifted flour		
1/2 cup	Salt		
2-1/2 gallons	Canned or cooked tomatoes		
2-1/8 pounds (8-1/2 cups firm-packed) 2-1/2 querts	Dried whole egg mixed with Water		
4 ounces (1 cup) 1 quart	Nonfat dry milk mixed with Water*		
4 pounds	Cheese, grated or ground		
3 cups	Fine crumbs, coated with table fat		

Portion: 3/4 cup. Provides 2 ounces protein-rich food, about 1/2 cup vegetable.

Total cost

Cost per portion

- t 1. Cook noodles until tender in boiling salted water (2 gallons water with 1/3 cup salt). Drain.
 - 2. Finely chop or grind onions and peppers; cook in fat until tender. Add flour and 1/4 cup salt, blending well. Stir in tomatoes. Cook until thick.
 - 3. Add 1-1/4 quarts water to dried egg and beat until smooth. Add remaining 1-1/4 quarts water, 1/4 cup salt, and the milk. Beat well. Scramble the egg mixture, using low heat, until thickened throughout but still moist. To avoid overcooking remove from pan at once.
 - 4. Cut egg in small pieces. Add with noodles and cheese to the tomato sauce. Pour into three baking pans (12 by 15 inches); Top with crumbs.
 - 5. Bake in moderate oven (350°F.) about 30 minutes.
 - *1 quart fluid milk may be used instead of dry milk and water.



100 portions	Ingredients	portions	Cost
1-1/4 gallons	Kidney beans, cooked and drained		
1-1/4 pounds	Cheese, grated		
3 quarts	Finely chopped celery		
3 cups	Chopped pickles		
3 quarts	Finely chopped cabbage		
2 tablespoons	Finely chopped onion		
2 tablespoons	Salt		
l quart	French dressing		
10 heads	Lettuce		
3 cups	Mayonnaise		

Portion:	1/3 cup.	Provides
1 ounce	protein-ri	ch food.

1/4 cup vegetable.

Total	cost	

Cost per portion

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- 2. Use a No. 12 scoop to measure portions.
- 3. Serve on lettuce leaf, topped with 1 teaspoon of mayonnaise.
- 4. Garnish with sprig of parsley or slice of hard-cooked egg.

POTATO-CHEESE SALAD

100 portions Ingredients portions Cost 14 pounds Potatoes 50 Hard-cooked eggs Cooked green peas, drained 1-3/4 quarts (3 No. 2 cans) Finely chopped 1 cup onion 3 cups Diced raw celery 1-1/2 quarts Diced raw carrot Sliced green 3 cups pepper Salt 3 tablespoons Cheese, coarsely grated or ground 6-1/4 pounds 3 quarts Salad dressing Shredded lettuce 3 quarts

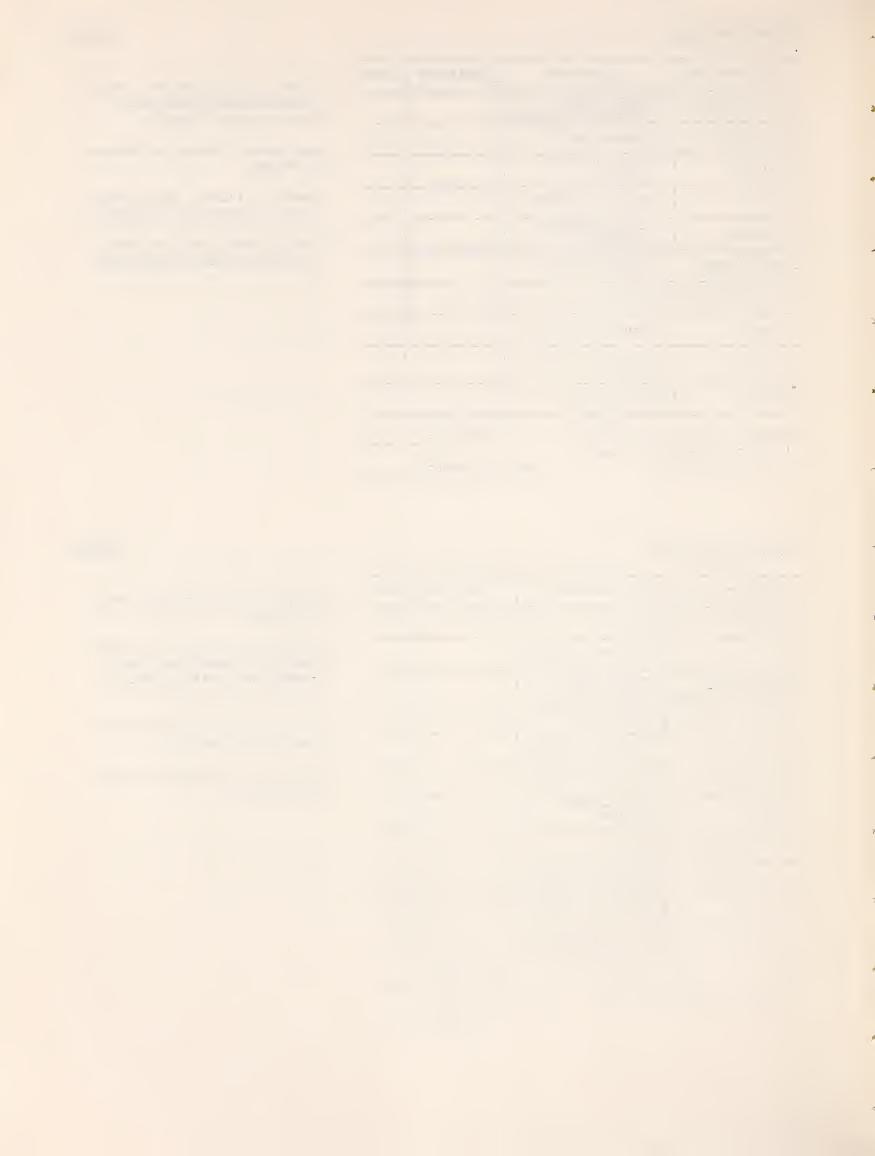
Portion: 1 cup. Provides
2 ounces protein-rich food,
1/2 cup vegetable.

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Cost per portion ___

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- Boil or steam potatoes, peel, and dice.
- 2. Coarsely chop 40 of the eggs.
 Toss with vegetables, salt,
 cheese, and salad dressing.
 Chill about 1 hour.
- Combine lettuce with mixture just before serving.
- 4. Slice remaining eggs and use as garnish.



100 portions	Ingredients	portions	Cost
3-1/2 pounds (3-1/2 quarts)	Sifted enriched flour		
3 ounces (1/2 cup)	Baking powder		
2 tablespoons	Salt		
1 pound (2 cups)	Fat		
1-1/4 pounds	Cheese, grated		
About 3-3/4 cups	Milk		

Portion: 1 2-inch biscuit.

Total cost

Cost per portion

- 1. Stir dry ingredients together and sift.
- 2. Rub or cut in fat and cheese.
- 3. Add enough milk to make a soft dough.
- 4. Turn out on a lightly floured board, divide in half, and knead lightly about 1 minute.
- 5. Roll dough to 1/2-inch thickness and cut with a floured 2-inch cutter or roll out in sheet and cut in 2-inch squares. Place on ungreased baking sheets.
- 6. Bake in a hot oven (425° F.)
 15 to 20 minutes.

CHEESE ROLLS

Breads

100 portions	Ingredients	portions	Cost
2 cups	Milk		
4 ounces (1/2 cup)	Fat		
5 ounces (3/4 cup)	Sugar		
2-1/3 table- spoons	Salt		
2 ounces (3-1/2 cakes-3/5	Compressed yeast* ounce each)		
1-3/l4 cups	Lukewarm water		١
About 3 pounds (about 3 quarts)	Sifted enriched flour		
1 pound	Cheese finely grated		

Portion: 1 roll

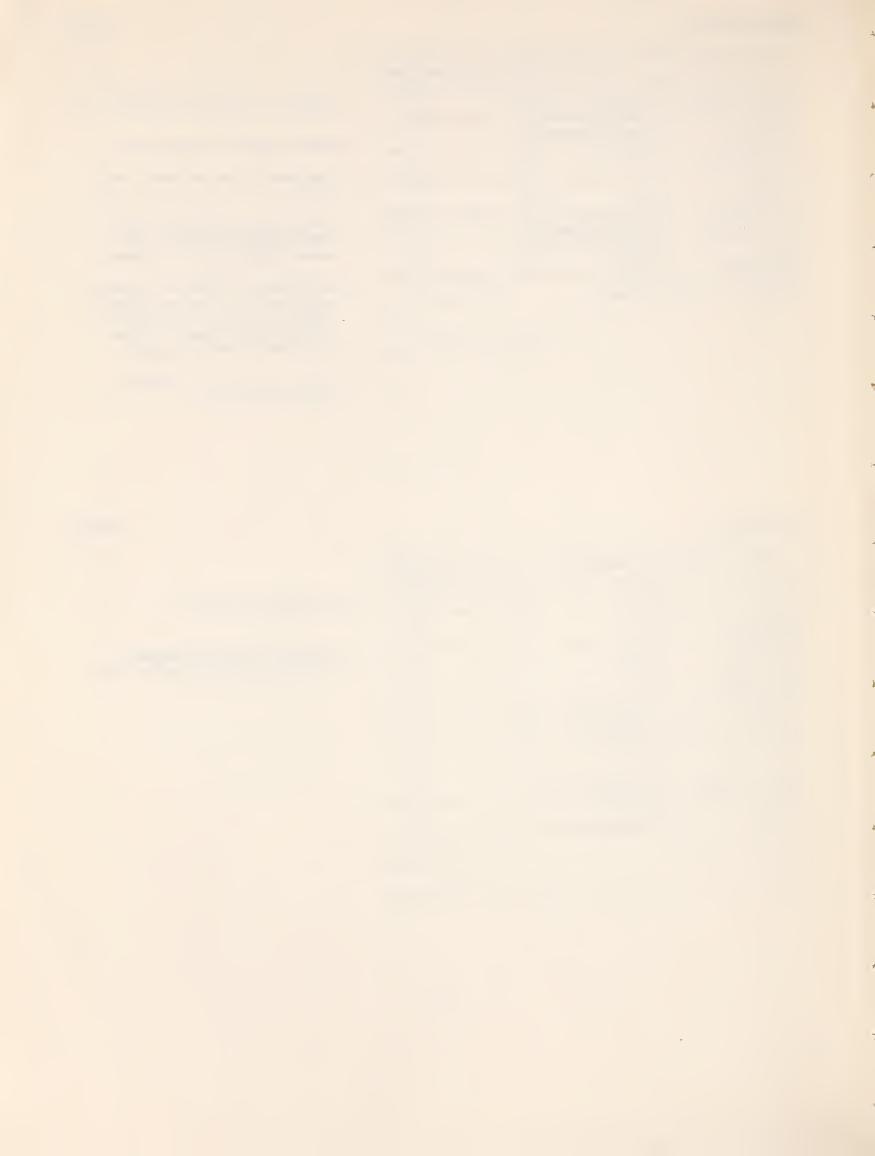
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Yield: 100 1-ounce rolls.

Cost per portion

See directions page 10.

* 1 ounce or 4 small packages of active dry yeast may be used.



CHEESE ROLLS-Hand mixed.

- 1. Scald milk and blend in fat. Add sugar and salt. Cool to lukewarm.
- 2. Add crumbled compressed or dry yeast to lukewarm water in an 8 to 10 quart mixing bowl. Stir after 10 minutes. Add milk mixture.
- 3. Mix in half of the flour; beat until smooth. Add remaining flour to form a soft dough. Blend in cheese. Knead on floured board until dough is smooth and elastic.
- 4. Form dough into a smooth ball. Place in a greased bowl and turn to grease top.
- 5. Cover and let rise in a warm place (about 85° F.) for 1 hour.
- 6. Cover and refrigerate overnight.
- 7. The next morning, cut dough into 4 equal portions. Form each portion into a ball, cover, and let rest on table top until soft enough to handle (about 1/2 hour).
- 8. Shape dough into 100 small rolls (1 ounce, or 1-1/4 inches in diameter). Place on lightly greased sheet pan (15 by 24 inches).
- 9. Let rise in a warm place (about 85° F.) until increased 2 to 2-1/2 times in volume (about 1 hour).
- 10. Eake 30 to 35 minutes in moderate oven (400° F.).

CHEESE ROLLS - Machine mixed.

- 1. Scald milk and blend in fat. Add sugar and salt. Cool to lukewarm.
- 2. Add crumbled compressed or dry yeast to lukewarm water in an 8 to 10 quart mixing bowl. Stir after 10 minutes. Add milk mixture.
- 3. Add flour, saving out 2 cups. Mix on low speed 10 to 15 minutes until dough is smooth and elastic. If after 2 minutes of mixing the dough is still sticky, add enough of the 2 cups of flour to form a soft dough. Blend in cheese the last minute of mixing.
- 4. Form dough into a smooth ball. Place in greased bowl and turn to grease top.
- 5. Cover and let rise in a warm place (about 85° F.) for 1 hour.
- 6. Cover and refrigerate overnight.
- 7. The next morning, cut dough into l_4 equal portions. Form each portion into a ball, cover, and let rest on table top until soft enough to handle (about 1/2 hour).
- 8. Shape dough into 100 small rolls (1 ounce, or 1-1/4 inches in diameter). Place on lightly greased sheet pan (15 by 24 inches).
- 9. Let rise in a warm place (about 85° F.) until increased 2 to 2-1/2 times in volume (about 1 hour).
- 10. Bake 30 to 35 minutes in moderate oven (400° F.).

